## **Visa and Passport Application Delays**

The Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently experiencing technical problems with our overseas passport and visa systems. This issue is not specific to any particular country, citizenship document, or visa category. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working urgently to correct the problem and restore full operability.

U.S. passport applications accepted overseas or after May 26, 2015 are affected by this delay. If you applied for a U.S. passport overseas during this time frame and have travel plans within the next 10 business days, please consider requesting an emergency passport at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at which you originally applied. Information about how to apply for an emergency passport is available at the following <a href="http://paraguay.usembassy.gov/passport information/emergency-passport.html">http://paraguay.usembassy.gov/passport information/emergency-passport.html</a>

Applications for a U.S. visa made after June 8, 2015, are also affected by this delay. Nonimmigrant visa applicants who did not submit their DS-160 online application prior to June 9, 2015, should reschedule their interview appointments. Individuals with urgent travel should request an appointment through <a href="https://ais.usvisa-info.com/es-PY/niv">https://ais.usvisa-info.com/es-PY/niv</a> after filling out their DS-160 on the first available date in the Consular Section. Then they should click the "Request expedite" link on the Application Summary Page and follow the instructions.